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Majority Leader Aresimowicz Announces Funding For Southington

(SOUTHINGTON) – House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz (D - Southington/Berlin) is pleased to announce that Southington will receive \$400,000 from the state's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program to provide important upgrades to housing in the community.

Southington will use the funds to help low income families by undertaking a housing rehabilitation program that will rehabilitate 12 units. The families must own their homes in order to receive a no interest loan to complete the necessary renovations. Upgrades are expected to include roof replacement, heating systems, window replacement, lead paint and asbestos removal, and electrical and code upgrades.

"I'm thrilled that Southington has received this funding to help families that need it most," said Aresimowicz. "The improvements to these homes will have a positive impact on the residents who live there, the neighborhoods they live in, and will make Southington an even better place to live for everyone."

"This is a wonderful program to help needy people stay in their homes," said Garry Brumback, Southington Town Manager. "It provides assistance to make significant improvements to the most vulnerable in our community. We are grateful to our legislative delegation for supporting this program."

Under the CDBG Small Cities Program, eligible applicants include smaller towns that have a population of not more than 50,000 residents. The grants were awarded to 22 Connecticut municipalities to facilitate projects that will enhance their communities in a variety of ways, including developing or preserving affordable housing, providing services to their most vulnerable residents, and creating and retaining jobs.

The program is administered by Connecticut's Department of Housing using federal funds allocated to Connecticut by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funding criteria for the state-administered program are developed in an open and public process, and are submitted for review and approval each year by the legislature's Appropriations, Housing, and Planning and Development Committees.

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Joe Aresimowicz is serving his sixth term representing the 30th Assembly District of Berlin and Southington in the Connecticut General Assembly, where he is House Majority Leader.